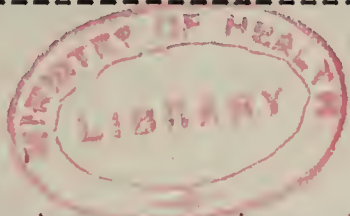


TO THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF LOSTWITHIEL.



GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1943.

It is with great satisfaction that I am still able to report in this the fourth year of war that the health of the area shows an upward trend, this in spite of increasing restrictions on our movements, many of our pleasures and of our diet. War is beastly but it has its compensations: the real character of the British requires a major catastrophe to bring it to light and it is greatly to the credit of this area that so much time, money and energy has been expended towards furthering the success of the conduct of the war. It is perhaps this stimulation in the best of our national character which accounts for the decline of ill-health. War brings with it a process of leavening: it teaches us that many things formerly regarded as essential can well be done without and it lowers and raises standards - the rise not being always so much in the public eye as the fall. It is very important that during times of stress, the morale of the younger members of the population should be kept at a high level and the effort to attain this result has been helped by weekly dances and other entertainments during the year: these have also been much appreciated by British and American servicemen whom it has been our privilege and pleasure to have had among us. The Army Cadet Corps is a very useful organisation for our boys, instilling in them, as it does, a form of discipline which is bound to be of service to them in their future lives; it is a great pity that more of this nature is not done for the young girls as the need for it is obvious.

At the end of the year there were 111 evacuees, adults and children in the Borough.

SECTION A
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area..... 3050 acres
Population..... 2123
Number of inhabited houses..... 675
Rateable value..... £8993
Sum represented by a 1d rate..... £37-9-5

	M	F	
(Legitimate	19	8	
Live Births -			Total 27-Birth Rate per 1000, 12.71
(Illegitimate	2	-	
Still Births-Legitimate	2	-	
Deaths of infants under 1 year, 2 males, legitimate.			
	M	F	
Deaths	20	15	Total 35 - Death Rate per 1000, 16.48

Causes of Death.

	M	F		M	F
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-	Ulcer of Stomach	1	-
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	-	Appendicitis	1	-
Influenza	-	1	Other Digestive Disease	-	1
Cancer	3	1	Nephritis	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	3	Premature Birth	2	-
Heart Disease	3	5	Suicide	1	-
Pneumonia	2	-	All other Causes	2	3

SECTION B
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

There have been no changes under this heading during the year.

SECTION C
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water :- 162 inspections of water supplies were made during the year. Two 150 gallon tanks for use in the event of the mains being put out of action as the result of bombing have been erected and a special squad trained in the chlorinating of water and are ready to operate should the emergency arise.

The water supply situation in the area is generally bad and the Council should forthwith prepare a scheme as part of their post-war development plans.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area:- 24 nuisances have been investigated and remedied without resort to statutory action.

Schools:- Sanitary arrangements at the Council School, though rather primitive, are just passable and the County Education authority should consider the advisability of bringing the water-closet accommodation in line with modern requirements. The same may be said of the Downend school but it would appear that, being an endowed school, lack of funds would make this impossible.

SECTION D
HOUSING.

65 inspections of houses were made. Action was taken in respect to one house under Section 11 of the Housing Act 1936: this house has now been rendered satisfactory. A preliminary scheme of slum clearance has been prepared for post-war development. A scheme for post-war development is already prepared for the erection of 13 houses and flats: approval under the Town and Country Planning Act, the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act and the consent of the Rural Land Utilisation Officer has already been obtained.

SECTION E
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Shops:- Arising out of 66 inspections of Food Shops and Food Stores, 128 lbs of tinned meats, 125 lbs of cured bacon, 16½ ozs of evaporated milk, 286 lbs of dried peas, 11 lbs of tinned fruit, 2½ ozs of tinned beans and 3 lbs of tinned soup were condemned: 218 lbs of sugar damaged in transit were certified as being fit for manufacturing purposes.

Milk and Dairies:- 45 inspections of Dairies were carried out and two informal samples of milk taken which proved satisfactory.

A licence was granted for the pasteurisation of milk to the East Cornish Milk Co. Ltd.

Meat:- The number of carcasses inspected for export during the year was 1213 sheep, 46 pigs and 138 calves.

	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Calves</u>
Number inspected.	1213	46	138
Whole carcasses condemned	10	-	4
Some part of organ condemned	28	-	2
Tuberculosis only	-	19	-

SECTION F
PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

During the year under review there has been nothing in the nature of epidemics of any of the infectious diseases.

During the year 46 children under 5 years and 7 between the ages of 5 and 15 were immunised against diphtheria: there were no cases in the area.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1943.

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Whooping Cough	4	nil	nil
Measles	6	nil	nil
Pneumonia	8	1	2
Puerperal pyrexia	1	nil	nil

Tuberculosis.

One new case of Pulmonary and one of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year: there was one death of the former and one of the latter.

The number of cases remaining on the register at the end of the year was pulmonary 6 males, non-pulmonary 1 male and 1 female.

Presented to the Council 1-8-44.

(Signed) Fredk.H.Rudge,
Medical Officer of Health.

